

CONFIDENTIAL

15 May 1950

Mr. Frank Yates
Assistant Comptroller General
of the United States
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Yates:

Your letter of 4 April 1950 requested a report on certain invoices indicated in your letter to the Attorney General dated 4 April 1950, regarding proceedings under the Bankruptcy Act related to [redacted]. The invoices concerned ([redacted] are number 1084, dated 23 October 1946 for \$1,250.22, and number 1105, dated 5 December 1946, for \$87.33.

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The contract was executed 28 June 1946 by the Strategic Services Unit, War Department, on behalf of the Government, and provides in Article 2 (a), in pertinent part: "The Government may withhold all or any part of the final reimbursement payment until receipt of the final report, the property accounting, and the patent disclosures and designations required hereunder." Our records do not indicate that the necessary accountings and reports were submitted or that verification of performance was provided, although responsible officials of the company had advised that this information was being assembled for transmittal. Payment under the above-indicated invoices was consequently withheld.

The contract is classified and payment thereunder was to be accomplished from unvouchered funds made available to the Strategic Services Unit; therefore, the original contract was not transmitted to the General Accounting Office. No attempt has been made to secure permission to release the original contract, because of security considerations involved, but if it is essential in the processing of this claim appropriate action will be taken with respect to releasing the agreement upon receipt of a request from the Department of Justice.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]
Chief, Fiscal Division

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